

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 3 and 17 have amended. No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry of the following arguments are respectfully requested. Therefore, claims 1-17 are pending and under reconsideration is requested.

CORRECTION OF INFORMALITIES

In the Office Action, the Examiner suggested that claims 3 and 17 be amended. Accordingly, these claims have been amended as suggested.

OUTSTANDING REJECTIONS

Applicants note that the Examiner has instructed the applicants that the outstanding rejections of claims 1, 2, 5-7 and 11-16 will be reconsidered pending the results of the analysis of the present Request for Reconsideration. Therefore, further arguments as to the patentability of these claims, if necessary, will be delayed until such time as the Examiner has acted upon them.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC § 112, FIRST PARAGRAPH

In the Office Action, claims 1-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. These rejections are respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

According to the Office Action, the claims contain subject matter, such as subject matter related to the center of rotation of the optical pickup, P, which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. In further explaining the rejection, the Office Action refers to lines 13-17 of page 5 of the specification and asks "how can all twelve fixed positions of all six wires W1-W6 fit on a single imaginary circle having P as its center." The Office Action additionally wonders where P is actually located.

In response, applicants note that it is believed that the specification is clear on its face as to the meaning of the subject matter discussed in paragraph [0024] and claimed in claims 1-17. That is, that when viewed in profile as in FIG. 6, for example, the wires W1-W6 are symmetrically arranged around the point P. The point P, however, may represent any point

along the axis of rotation of the optical pickup during tilt control. In other words, the imaginary circle discussed in the specification can be thought of as a cross-section of the wires W1-W6 at any point along the axis of rotation.

Regarding the issue of whether the point P is "equidistant from all twelve fixed positions," applicants note that this is only true where the imaginary circle noted in the specification and discussed above is halfway between the fixed positions of the wires on the blade 20 and the holder 50 (assuming that the fixed positions on the blade 20 and the holder 50 have equal respective depths). Applicants further note that nothing in the specification identifies the location of the imaginary circle where the imaginary circle is equidistant from the fixed positions of the wires as being the only location of the imaginary circle. Thus, further disclosure and illustration of the imaginary circle as suggested by the examiner is unnecessary.

Since the specification is clear on its face and provides support for the claimed invention, applicants respectfully assert that the rejections are overcome.

CONCLUSION

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot. And further, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. Thus, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any remaining issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss resolution of such issues. If there are any additional fees associated with the filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 50-3333

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